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State Music Leaders Laboratory To Meet First Church, Jackson May 22

Dr. J. Campbell Wray, dean of School of Sacred Music, Southwestern Seminary, and eminent music conductor, will be the visiting leader when the annual State Music Leaders Laboratory meets at the First Church in Jackson, Friday, May 22.

Those to attend the one-day laboratory will include local church choir directors, pianists, organists, song leaders, pastors and other music leader, according to W. C. Morgan, State Music secretary who will direct the program.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. and close with an afternoon session.

The complete program will be as follows:

10 a. m. Hymn, scripture and prayer.

10:10 a. m. Service planning and discussion.

11 a. m. Music leaders and pastor relationship—Dr. Wray.

12:15 p. m. Adjourn for lunch.

1:30 p. m. Hymn, scripture and prayer.

1:45 p. m. Bookstore and music.

2:05 p. m. State Promotion.

2:25 p. m. Training for music leaders.

3 p. m. Music leaders exchange and open forum—Dr. Wray.

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Christian Education Issue Next Week

Next week's issue of the Baptist Record will be a 16 page special edition featuring Christian Education in general and Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Week, May 31-June 5, in particular.

CONVENTION ADOPTS RECORD BUDGET FOR 1954

Storer Is President; Westmoreland, Campbell Vice-Presidents

By JOE ABRAMS
Baptist Record Staff

The Southern Baptist Convention closed its 96th annual session Sunday night in Houston's Coliseum with a giant evangelistic rally after holding what most veteran observers termed one of its greatest meetings.

The Convention was featured by high inspirational hours, record attendance and registration, outstanding reports, harmonious spirit, constructive planning and an optimistic outlook.

Dr. J. D. Grey, of New Orleans, colorful president for the second year, got the Convention off to a good start Wednesday morning with his address when he said, "Led by the spirit of God, we shall survey the past, evaluate the present and face the future."

In significant action the body voted a record Cooperative Program Convention budget of \$8,750,000 for 1954 with all above that amount to go for Advance, 75 per cent to the Foreign Board and 25 per cent to the Home Board.

Storer Elected President

The convention elected as its president, Dr. James W. Storer, pastor First Church of Tulsa and president of the Convention's executive committee.

St. Louis was selected as next

year's meeting place and a summer date, June 2-6, set. Dr. Slater A. Murphy, of Memphis was selected to preach the annual sermon next year.

The most spirited debate of the session centered around a motion to continue the famous "Gardner" committee, the committee on relations with other religious bodies.

After some discussion the report of the committee was adopted but the committee was discontinued.

The next most spirited debate

centered around the nation for closer cooperation between the Royal Ambassadors and Boy Scouts of America.

This proposal to fuse the two units was promptly voted down and the committee to study the possibility of transferring the R. A.'s from the W. M. U. to the Brotherhood was continued for another year.

Executive Committee Enlarged

The proposal to increase the size of the Convention's Executive Committee from 31 to 45 was adopted after some discussion.

In enlarging the body states with more than 250,000 membership will receive an additional representation.
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Seen And Heard At The Convention

BY A. L. GOODRICH

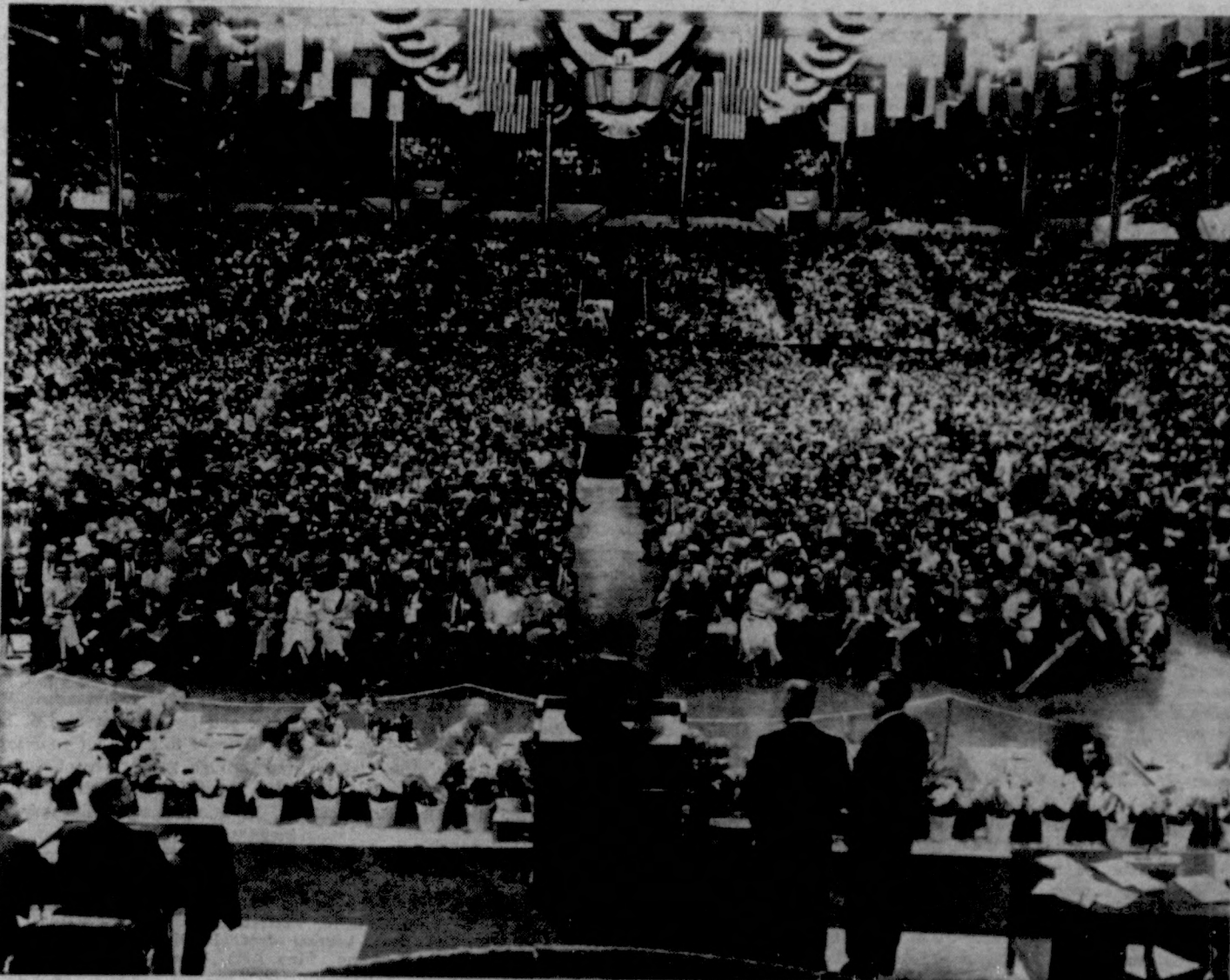
The press coverage of the Convention was the largest in its entire history. The following newspapers sent staff-members to the Convention:

Houston Post—Jean Walsh and Jack Harwell; Houston Chronicle—Louis Alexander and Walter Mansell; Houston Press—Thomas Mahr, Marie Dauplaise, and Thomas Martin; Fort Worth Star Telegram—Cullum E. Greene; The Nashville Banner—Bob Bell, Jr.; Dallas Morning News—Stewart Doss; Washington Star—Casper Nannes; Memphis Commercial Appeal—John Carruth; The Clarion Ledger—Purser Hewitt. The following daily papers have part time employees representing them: Tulsa World, New Orleans Times-Peayune, Richmond Times Dispatch, Texarkana News, Mobile Reporter Telegram, Nashville Tennessean, Lake Charles American Press, Memphis Press-Scimitar, and Atlanta Journal.

W. R. Roberts, Mississippi Brotherhood Secretary, was named as one of the tellers to count the votes cast for officers of the Convention.

One speaker stated that the West Cuban Baptist Convention has 70 churches, but more than 300
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The Southern Baptist Convention In Action



Shown above is a view of the Southern Baptist Convention at its opening session in Houston, Texas, on May 6. The huge Coliseum is completely filled, with many thousands milling around in the corridors and on the outside, unable to gain entrance. Nearly 3,000

others were in an adjoining auditorium, known as the Music Hall. It, too, was filled. President Grey is at the desk and the reporters and editors are seated just below.

Convention Adopts

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tive on the committee and a further additional representative for each additional 250,000 membership will be granted.

States with more than one representative must be represented by a lay person and no state is allowed more than five.

The executive committee was given authority to study the question of Social Security benefits for ministers as outlined in two bills now before Congress and act on the matter or report at next year's session.

The convention requested the National Selective Service to classify as 4-D all denominational certified full-time lay religious workers.

Dr. Wyatt Hunter of McComb was appointed in the convention's Committee on Committees while Rev. Chester Melpus of Belzoni served on the Committee on Boards.

Other convention officers elected included: Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, first vice-president; Dr. R. C. Campbell, North Carolina, second vice-president; George Frazer, Washington, senior secretary; Dr. Joe Burton, Nashville, secretary, and Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, treasurer.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson was nominated for first vice-president. Dr. Hudgins also served as chairman of committee to study relationship between the Carver School of Missions and the Convention. He is also Mississippi member of the Executive Committee of the convention.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles spoke on the program of the executive committee in presenting the report of the Promotion Committee.

The convention voted its continued approval of the Cooperative Program and urged churches to consider giving on the percentage plan.

The body also adopted an overall Cooperative Program goal for 1954 of \$34,000,000 for all convention and state causes.

The Pastors Conference held Monday and Tuesday, elected the following officers: Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn., president; Rev. O. R. Shields, St. Louis, vice-president, and Rev. Grady Cothorn, Oklahoma City, treasurer. (Editor's Note: Mr. Cothorn is a Mississippian.)

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The Revised Version of Young's Literal Translation of the Holy Bible (\$5.00) has been reprinted by the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. The text is expressed in the words which were common to the original writer, translated as nearly perfect as possible. This enables the student to compare a direct translation of the words of the original authors with the product of those who seek to express the sense of these words in modern idiom. At the same time it gives a clearer understanding of the problems facing the translator. Written in 1862 by Robert Young and revised by him in 1887, the demand for it from year to year has continued remarkably steady, thus causing the demand for the 1953 printing. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Southern Baptist Convention Officers



Shown above are the officers elected at the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. They will serve during the 1954 session. Left to right, they are: Dr. R. C. Campbell, second vice-president; Dr. J. W. Storer, president; Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, first vice-president.

Seen And Heard

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Sunday Schools.

Much favorable comment was heard concerning the speech made by Mississippi's Executive Secretary, Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

In reply to criticism concerning the few minutes given to the discussion of the report of the committee on Relations with Other Bodies, President Grey said, "If the Senate debated three weeks on the Tideland Oil Bill, Baptists should be allowed to debate 30 minutes concerning that subject."

There was much good music at the convention, but it also took a lot of money to transport and entertain the various groups. The program listed the following groups who rendered special music: The Carson-Newman Choir; The Southwestern Choir; The Southwestern Men's Chorus; The Southern Seminary Choir; East Texas Baptist College Choir; Howard College Choir; American Baptist Seminary Singers; Golden Gate Singers; New Orleans Seminary Choir; Georgetown (Kentucky) Choir; Oklahoma Baptist University Glee Club; Baylor University Choir; and the Grand Canyon Quartet.

An editorial in one of the Houston Dailys complained that the Baptists were greeted with Presbyterian weather (a sprinkling rain).

Two of the best nominating speeches were made by Mississippians, Dr. John W. Landrum of Grenada and Purser Hewitt of Jackson. Dr. Landrum nominated Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson, for the presidency. Dr. Hudgins asked that his name be withdrawn. When nominations were being made for vice president, Mr. Hewitt nominated Dr. Hudgins. His speech was short but to the point. He closed by saying that although Dr. Hudgins had withdrawn his nomination for the presidency, he was sure that he would not withdraw this nomination, "As," said

Mr. Hewitt, "I am one of his deacons and I am on his finance committee."

President Grey, in introducing John Dawson, president of the American (Northern) Baptist Convention, composed largely of northern states, said "Mr. Dawson comes from north of the Smith-Wesson line." As the audience howled in laughter, Dr. Grey realized his slip and promptly said, "I mean the Mason-Dixon line."

Many records were made. One of them was the enrolment. The enrolment at noon on Saturday was 12,989, the largest in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Newly elected president, Dr. J. W. Storie, was at one time pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss.

Both the 1954 preacher and alternate are Mississippians. They are Dr. Slater Murphy of Memphis and Dr. Leo Eddleman of Louisville.

The report of the Radio Commission emphasized the continuing growth and the coverage of the Baptist Hour Radio broadcast, the weekly nationwide presentation of the Commission. This program is now being carried by more than 330 stations all over this country and in seven foreign countries. Additional outlets are being enlisted all along and it is believed that the audience of the program is growing week by week.

The report of the Brotherhood shows that at the end of 1952 there were a total of 6,780 churches in the Convention with Brotherhoods. This is an increase of 1051 new organizations during the year, which means that 3 new Brotherhoods came into existence for every day that went by during the calendar year just past.

In making the W. M. U. report Mrs. George R. Martin, president, emphasized five fundamentals in the W. M. U. plan of work. They are: prayer

study, stewardship, community missions and missionary education of young people. Mrs. Martin emphasized the fact that an average of 20 new W. M. U. organizations came into being every day 50 of the 52 weeks from October 1951 to October 1952. She stated that these gains represented the greatest expansion in the organizations history.

By vote of the commission the names of the Social Service Commission was changed to the Christian Life Commission.

The Relief and Annuity Board reported that assets had grown from \$106,428.53 in 1918 to \$26,478,390.96 in 1952.

The Home Mission Board reported that it now has 1,274 missionaries, a gain of 104 over last year.

There were 30,565 conversions in services conducted by Home Board missionaries during the year.

It was estimated that there were at least 40,000 people in attendance at the Convention.

The Foreign Mission Board now for first time has more than 900 full-time missionaries.

There are Southern Baptist Churches now located in every state in the Union.

Washington, D. C. was selected as the meeting place for 1955.

The 1954 calendar of Denominational Activities will include two new emphases: Jewish Fellowship Week and Nurse Recruitment Week.

A nation-wide Crusade of all Southern Baptist churches and missions was approved for 1955.

Southern Baptist Cooperative Program receipts reaching the Executive Committee in Nashville were \$8,101,421.63 in 1951 compared to \$9,076,047.82 in 1952.

The Convention adopted a 1954 budget of \$8,750,000 which is an all-time high budget.

The Coliseum, meeting place for the Convention, was packed at nearly every session and overflowing into the adjoining music hall where microphones had been installed to carry the proceedings of the Convention proper. Other thousands milled around the corridors and on the outside. It was a quiet and orderly Christian-like crowd.

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Dwight Raymond Guthrie has written a volume entitled JOHN McMILLAN, which gives the life of this great Presbyterian pioneer (1752-1833) and much of the history involved in the growth of our nation during those years. A volume for the study shelf, the book is also good reading matter and will bring many a chuckle from the reader. Order from the University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, Pa. or from the Baptist Book Store. (\$3.00).

Special Notice

Materials in quantity for the observance of Christian Education Week, May 31-June 5, have been mailed to all churches by means of a special mailing list of pastors only.

Any pastor who fails to receive a package or any pastorless church failing to get a package is asked to contact the office of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, Box 530, Jackson, and the materials will be provided.

Each package contains a letter, a suggested Procedure for the Week, a Poster, a Tract for the Pastor and a supply of specially prepared Booklets to be used by the organizations of the church in observing the Week.

URGE VATICAN ACT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)

—If the Vatican urged Spain and Italy to apply the same standards of religious liberty to Protestants which it has asked Yugoslavia to maintain for Roman Catholics, a long step would be taken toward religious liberty everywhere, a Baptist group declared here.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, at its semi-annual meeting, quoted from a report of the Vatican's demands on the Yugoslav government and said:

"Here the Vatican is right. American Protestants will agree."

The Committee expressed concern over continued "persecution" of Protestants in Italy, particularly the expulsion order issued recently against the Rev. Anthony Caliendo, Italian-born American evangelist and director of the Evangelical Biblical Institute at Portici, Italy.

It also cited the Italian government's action last year in closing several Pentecostal and Church of Christ churches.

The Baptists expressed the hope that Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, new American ambassador to Italy, "mindful of the U. S. treaty with the Italian government to preserve religious liberty, will do what she can to see that the terms of this agreement are kept."

The Committee renewed its position of "vigorous opposition" to the sending of any American diplomatic mission to the Vatican.

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We are not only happy but eager to make every moment count for the Lord as your ambassadors. We thank you for the privilege of being the ones to hand out your love and through it the love of God to these people.—Donal (Mrs. Charles L., Jr.) Culpepper, missionary to Formosa.

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Reflections On The 1953 SB Convention

The recent Southern Baptist Convention held in Houston, Texas, was a good one. Naturally, we did not approve of every action taken. We doubt if anybody did. But as Dr. Grey said, "The Southern Baptist Convention is a good demonstration of democracy in action." It can be said that everybody had an opportunity. President Grey and others who presided did not take any hasty action. They gave opportunity for all to speak.

There were many problems to be solved. Brethren of the various committees and boards had tackled their problems with serious purpose and brought helpful and constructive reports and recommendations. They had spent much prayer and time and thought on these matters.

Not every recommendation was accepted. Some were changed, some were amended, some sent back for further study and some accepted as proposed. That is one of the things that appeals to me about Baptists. We do not have to accept things word for word as handed down. We can change them where there seems to be a need therefor.

One commendable fact is that little time was wasted with long-winded welcome addresses and replies to welcome addresses. The Convention got down to business. That's what it was there for.

There were many high spots in the Convention. Some of them were: President Grey's address and the Convention sermon by Dr. J. H. Landis.

As an editor, we thought that the report on circulation of Baptist State papers, showing more than a million was a high spot.

The addresses and sermons were other high points in the Convention.

As is always the case, the presentation of the Home Mission work and the Foreign Mission work was an outstanding event. As each of these two boards reported gratifying progress, the hearts of Baptists swelled with pride and humility. Pride because of what we had done and humility because of the untouched fields.

We again register our disapproval of the semi-gangster tactics of some people who attend the convention. We refer to the fact that when a person opposes something with which others disagree, there is a lack of ordinary every day civility. We do not approve of unkind remarks or crude actions on the part of any who disagree with others. Every Baptist is entitled to his opinion, whether

it agrees with ours or not.

We approved of the Convention's action in not continuing the Committee on Relations with Other Bodies. The reports made by this committee were on worthwhile subjects, but it was getting to be a source of irritation. It was best to let it rest for awhile. If other problems come up, other committees can be named.

There does not seem to be much agreement concerning the merging of the Boy Scout work into Baptist affairs. We believe it was wise to study the matter further.

The plan of reserving the downstairs main auditorium for elected messengers worked well and should be continued.

While there are differences and diversities among Southern Baptists, it is to their eternal credit that they have achieved a unity which redounds to the glory of God, to the advancement of His cause and to the enrichment of spiritual experience. Many pastors and others have expressed to us their determination to do more to meet the needs of the lost world, as well as try to conserve the work already accomplished.

As we have often stated before, Baptists tell their leaders what to do in contrast to some other religious bodies whose leaders or LEADER tells the members what they can or cannot do.

Evidently Mississippi ranked very low in the estimation of other folks. Only one Mississippian was listed in the program, a few of them made motions or speeches. Some states were top-heavy with representatives.

Finally, Southern Baptists are

ESTIMATE OF WOMAN



Bible Baptists. Not one word of Modernism did we hear. Every address rang true to the cherished principals for which Baptists have fought and died.

There is one danger. The danger is that many of us will forget our resolves we made at Houston. It now remains for us to put into practice the promises we made at Houston.

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What Does A Pastor Do During The Week?

Many people are acquainted with the busy schedule of a pastor and are sympathetic in their understanding.

However there are those who ask sometimes, "What does a pastor do during the week?"

We have been a pastor and thoroughly understand the full-time ever-busy schedule of a pastor.

The ministry is recognized as the highest calling on earth and we salute the high type of pastors in Mississippi.

We list below a two-week schedule of Rev. James Fairchild, pastor of First Church of Louisville.

In addition to the items listed he held many conferences and attended several meetings in connection with the building program of the church:

- Worship Services on Sunday.
- High School Commencement Sermon.
- 3 Radio Messages.
- 1 Funeral Message.
- Mid-week Prayer Services.
- Taught Study Course 5 nights (Total of nine 45-minute periods.)
- Attended Spring Associational

Meeting at Evergreen.

Preached Associational Sermon. Provided for Missionary Address at meeting.

Attended Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Attended Prayer Meeting each Friday at 6:00 a. m.

Attended all day meeting in Jackson of Executive Committee of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Studied policies of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board with view to changes (as member of Policy Committee of Miss. Baptist Convention Board).

Attended monthly meeting of Deacons.

Attended Luncheon meeting with T. E. L. Sunday School Class.

Meeting of Association Missions Committee.

Hospital Visitation.

Jail Visitation.

26 Visits in Homes.

26 Letters Dictated (Secretary out of office 4 days.)

1 Telegram.

Church Committee meeting.

Routine details in office and study.

Personal conferences in study.

Future program planning.

Reading, study, prayer-meditation.

Et cetera! Et cetera!

—BR—

Our Readers Write

Dear Bro. Goodrich:

I read Mrs. Barton's letter and I agree she has a point. Also your comment as to the letter of April 16.

Have you (myself, also) made any of these personal sacrifices? And in putting in so many conveniences in the church, is it going to glorify God's name or Brother So-So's name, and our own?

Billy Graham says in his booklet *Victorious Christian Living*, "Another great sin of American Christianity is that we are at ease in Zion. We have lost the pioneering spirit. Churches have to be heated just right. Many churches have to be air-conditioned. Pews have to be soft. Sermons have to be short. Movies have to be shown. Special events have to be used to attract people. No longer is the power of the gospel sufficient; no longer is the simple worship service enough. There must be carnal methods brought in."

I think the best way to glorify God is to win lost souls in to the Kingdom. The churches won't stand forever, but God's kingdom will.

—R. J. K.

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Court Rules Civil Authority Cannot Discipline Baptist Pastors

Baton Rouge, La.—(RNS)—No court or civil authority can discipline or unseat the pastor of a Baptist church unless his actions trespass on the civil rights of people, Judge Jess Johnson ruled here in dismissing a lawsuit filed by a group of the Mount Calvary Baptist church in an attempt to oust their pastor.

Ten persons who described themselves as the duly elected board of trustees of the church charged that the Rev. A. L. Pitcher, Sr., was holding the pastorate illegally. They also alleged he was guilty of misconduct for failure to properly and legally conduct the church affairs in accordance with the charter.

"Relief can only be sought in the court when in the performance of his duties the pastor violates the civil or criminal laws of the state," Judge Johnson declared.

He said there are obviously factions loyal and opposed to the pastor and noted that the church charter adopted Hiscox's Manual as the official guide for conducting the fiscal affairs of the church corporation.

This book contains a section which summarizes the major issue in the case, Judge Johnson observed. He quoted the section as:

"On the New Testament theory of church government, the action of the individual local church is final. There is no power, either civil or ecclesiastical, that can reverse its decision or punish it for wrong doing. It may make mistakes, but no human tribunal has the authority to compel it to confess or correct them."

Judge Johnson also said that the court cannot recognize the action of the protesting faction in holding a "so-called" election at which a new board of trustees was named or the action of the new group in attempting to remove the pastor and set up in his place a new chairman of the new board as a new pastor.

"The selection of a pastor of a church of the Baptist denomination is one of the religious or spiritual functions of the church body—and the corporation through its board of trustees cannot perform a religious or spiritual function of the church," the judge said.

He declared, however, that there may be justification for complaint against the pastor.

CHURCHES CONTINUE TO PLAN SCHOOLS OF STEWARDSHIP

Many churches over the state continue to plan to observe Christian Stewardship Week Oct. 18-25, with a school of Stewardship, according to W. R. Roberts, State Chairman of Christian Stewardship Week.

An additional list of churches that have notified him of their plans follows:

Zion, Pontotoc Co., Rev. George Q. Edens.

Verona, Rev. Don Sheffield.

New Hope, Marion Co., Rev. Thomas M. Hall.

Neshoba, Rev. Bob Posey.

Good Hope, Winston Co., Rev. Bob Posey.

Shady Grove, Copiah Co., Rev. Clarence Randall.

Myrtle, Rev. Percy Ray.

Biloxi, First, Dr. G. C. Hodge.

Oak Grove, Mississippi Ass'n.

Rev. Homer Davis.

Tangipahoa, Pike Co., Rev. A. J. Chandler.

Sunny Hill Mission, Pike Co., Rev. A. J. Chandler.

Eudora, Rev. Harold Clower.

Union Church, Rev. M. C. Nelson.

Pleasant Hill, Union Association, Rev. M. C. Nelson.

Elmo, Union Ass'n., Rev. M. C. Nelson.

Central, Lincoln Co., Rev. James L. Travis.

Beacon, Jones Co., Rev. J. T. Renfro.

Carmel, Lauderdale Co., Rev. A. H. Miller.

Sulphur Springs, Newton Co., Rev. Marcus Smith.

Pleasant Hill, Newton Co., Rev. Marcus Smith.

Gulfport, First, Dr. Joe T. Odle.

Itta Bena, First, Rev. W. Otis Seal.

Waynesboro, Calvary, Rev. Virgil Ratcliff.

Soso, Rev. R. A. Herrington.

New Hope, Gulf Coast Ass'n., Rev. Robert Clandy.

Greenville, Second, Dr. M. E. Perry.

Madison, Rev. Harold Jordan.

Mt. Pisgah, Rankin Co., Rev. Harold Jordan.

New Hope, Sunflower Co., Rev. Paul W. Kolb.



Shown above is a view of the Southern Baptist Convention in action in Houston. President Grey is presiding. Those seated at tables are reporters and editors, representing various papers and magazines.

Meeting The Needs Of Our Churches For Education-Music Leaders

The complexity of today's churches constitutes both a challenge and a difficulty. The number and variety of organizations, the necessity for supplying competent and devoted teachers and leaders for these church organizations, the problems of promotion and administration, the necessity for making worship services attractive and maintaining attendance, imperil the pastor's concentration on "prayer and the ministry of the Word." There are perhaps five thousand churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that right now need an associate to the pastor for their maximum fruitfulness.

The new School of Religious Education of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, proposes to help meet this imperative need. Almost every mail brings urgent requests from pastors and committees seeking a qualified person as director of education and or music. Such a person should have good educational background, attractive personality, soundness of faith, deep devotion to Christ, love of people, unswerving loyalty to the pastor, together with specialized skills and proven competency.

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Interested students will write to Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Dean, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky, for catalogue or other information.

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Edwards, Rev. Guy C. Futral.
Marks, Rev. I. D. Eavenson.
Flora, Rev. William P. Davis.
Williamsburg, Covington Co., Rev. P. D. Lott.

Scooba, Rev. A. Hodge Malone.
Eupora, First, Rev. W. W. Her-rin.

Trinity, Gulf Coast Assn., Rev. J. Hoffman Harris.

Enterprise, Rev. Frank W. Rush.

Pelahatchie, Rev. J. F. Stanford.
Hebron, Jones Co., Rev. J. J. Dorough.

Mateo, Former Priest Tells His Story In 'From My Sycamore Tree'

When an obscure student for the Roman Catholic priesthood breaks his vows and leaves the church, there are not many people, Catholic or non-Catholic who are deeply interested. But when a man who has for years been a leader in the church and who has enjoyed all the dignity and popularity of such a position renounces the Roman Catholic Church, leaving behind him all his prestige and his security, that is news of interest to everyone—no matter what their religion.

That is just what happened recently. Dr. Andres M. Mateo, one of Spain's most outstanding Catholic leaders, left the church. Dr. Mateo is a native of Spain and received most of his priestly training in the schools of the Jesuit Order, one of the strictest and most highly regarded orders of the Catholic Church. He has twice been honored by the written benediction of the Pope and was offered a bishopric shortly before he left the priesthood. Dr. Mateo is well-known in Catholic circles for the many books and articles which he published while still in the church.

The moving story of his search for spiritual freedom and of his personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ is told by Dr. Mateo himself in an article entitled, "From My Sycamore Tree," which appeared in a recent issue of The Converted Catholic Magazine.

In the article, Dr. Mateo likens his spiritual experience to that of Zaccheus, who claimed a sycamore tree in order to see the Lord Jesus as He passed by. It was only after he severed his ties with the Roman hierarchy, Dr. Mateo reports, that he was free to seek Christ.

Dr. Montano, Editor of The Converted Catholic Magazine, who introduces Dr. Mateo to the magazine's readers, is himself a former Roman Catholic priest and widely known as "the Martin Luther of Latin America." He has the special insight into Dr. Mateo's thinking that only one who has passed through similar experiences could have.

Free copies of Dr. Mateo's article are available by writing to The Converted Catholic Magazine, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

BMC Awards Announced

Blue Mountain—Annual awards at Blue Mountain College were announced in general assembly today by President Lawrence T. Lowrey.

Mary Rice, Black Mountain, N. C., received the Florence Connally Tyler award which is given annually to the student who "most naturally exemplifies the 'fruit' of the Christian spirit as depicted in Galatians 5:22."

Martha Maer, Memphis, won the B. G. Lowrey Scholarship which is based upon "character, scholarship, and leadership."

Jane Anderson, Booneville, got the Nettie Courtney Paris Award which is offered in "encouragement of such Christian traits as characterize an energetic, effective, loyal, sincere, and consecrated student."

Peggy Workman, Woodruff, S. C. received the Purser Speech Medal, which is awarded to the senior speech student who "best represents the ideals of the department of speech, including expressiveness in body and voice, interest and participation in speech activities, Christian spirit, and promise of future accomplishment."

Virginia Parsell, Louisville, Ky., received the Rosa Mae Kennedy Award that is given to the music student who has best measured up to the qualifications of "sincerity of purpose, genuine love for music, earnestness in work, progressiveness, and inherent talent."

Jeannette Collier, Kewanee, won the Best Listener Award, given by President Lowrey to the student who, in his judgment is consistently the most attentive student in general assembly throughout the year.

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JERUSALEM —(RNS)— Remains of some 70 Biblical scrolls believed to be 2,000 or more years old have been found in a cave on the shore of the Dead Sea about 25 miles east of here.

The discovery, made by Arab shepherds, was announced by Jordan's British-born Director of Antiquities, G. Lankester Harding.

Mr. Harding, who called the find "perhaps the most sensational archaeological event of our time," said 38 of the scrolls had been identified by Dominican scho-

lars as manuscripts of 19 books of the Old Testament.

The rest were described by the priests as commentaries and paraphrases of Biblical books, many known and hitherto unknown Apocrypha and descriptions of the conduct and organization of the Essenes, the Jewish sect to which the scrolls belonged.

He predicted that Biblical scholars from all over the world would be kept busy "for the next generation, at least" pondering the translation and significance of the documents.

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THE MISSISSIPPI "75" CLUB

Average attendances for April:	Handsboro	127
Parkway (Hinds)	Houston, First	127
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Brookhaven, First	Holly Bluff	102
Daniel (Hinds)	Shiloh (Lawrence)	102
Pascagoula, First	Stonewall	102
Columbus, First	Grenada, Emmanuel	99
West Point, First	Itta Bena, First	93
Tupelo, Harrisburg	Zion (Pontotoc)	93
Laurel, First	Concord (Choctaw)	90
Biloxi, First	Tutwiler	86
	Schlater (Leflore)	67

YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

Reports of successful Youth Week programs are flowing into the Training Union Department. Below are listed several of the churches which participated in Youth Week activities, and these reports are most encouraging. If your church participated in Youth Week, write and mail in the results so that they may be shared with others.

YOUTH WEEK AT MORTON

Rev. Carl Duck of Morton writes, "Youth Week was a very definite blessing to our entire church. The leadership of the Young People was a challenge to all. The message brought by our Youth Pastor, an Intermediate, inspired all who heard it. Along with Youth Week we had our Youth revival. There were 39 decisions during the week, 8 on profession of faith and 12 by letter. The others were rededications. The effects of the week will be a blessing to our church for a long time."

CLARKE-VENABLE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Miss Gladys Bryant, Student Secretary of East Central Junior College, reports on Youth Week at Clarke Venable Memorial Church of Decatur. She says, "Youth Week this year was the best we have had. The week did much in adding interest and inspiration to the church. The Adults were behind the Young People one hundred per cent. The remarks of the Young People are all for Youth Week every year. The week helped them to realize the responsibility of the church. I can say that it was a big success. The work and cooperation was the best."

DARLING BAPTIST CHURCH

Youth Week was observed at the Darling Baptist Church of Darling, Mississippi, March 12-18. Six Intermediates and Six Young People held Youth Week offices. This was the third time Youth Week had been observed.

In reporting this, Mrs. Annie A. Duke states, "Youth Week is of tremendous value in acquainting our Young People with the many offices to be filled in our church program. They also catch a glimpse of the work that they will perform in future years. It makes them more conscious of their need for preparation for the tasks ahead."

BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF LAUREL

Bethlehem Baptist Church of Laurel observed Youth Week March 22-29. Ten Intermediates and eight Young People served in places of leadership. This was the second time Youth Week had been observed. Commenting on Youth Week, Rev. A. N. Abercrombie, Pastor, says, "It is the best thing that could happen to create interest in the church and Training Union. The whole church was profoundly impressed and revived."

MOAK'S CREEK CHURCH

From Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln Association, comes the following report. "Every church ought to make this opportunity available to their Young People. It gives the Young People of the church a training that will always remain with them." Rev. Harold Douglas is pastor of Moak's Creek Church.

SANDIDGE LICENSED



GRADY SANDIDGE

Grady Sandidge was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by the Calvary Church of Jackson.

Mr. Sandidge is a student at Mississippi College, Clinton.

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W. F. Haley Ordained To Full Gospel Ministry

W. F. Haley, professor of Business Education, Perkinson Junior College, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, April 19, at the Perkinson Church.

The Council was composed of ministers and deacons from the Lebanon and Gulf Coast Associations. Rev. B. Aaron Foy gave the charge to the church; Rev. W. S. Allen the charge to the preacher; Rev. J. G. Flynt presented the Bible which was given by the Perkinson Church; and Dr. G. C. Hodge preached the Ordination Sermon which was followed by the ordination prayer offered by Rev. O. B. Anderson.

The ordination of Bro. Haley was at the request of the Success Church, Gulf Coast Association, which called him as pastor Sunday, March 15.

The Rev. Mr. Haley is a graduate of Bowling Green Business University, Bowling Green. At the spring convocation, he will be awarded the Master's degree in School Administration, Mississippi Southern College.

The Master's degree in the field of Business Education will also be conferred upon him from the University of Mississippi at the close of the first summer term. At the opening of the fall term he plans to enroll in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. J. G. Flynt is pastor of the Perkinson church.

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Calvary Closes Revival

Forty-two were added in a revival at Calvary Church, Greenville, in which Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor, did the preaching. Following the revival was a Training Union study course, in which 92 participated. Ellis Sytar is the Training Union Director.

A building site has been selected on Highway 82. The church has out-grown the present structure, although its seating capacity has been increased by 50 since Dr. Elliott came to the church.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOODS

Jones Association held their quarterly meeting this quarter with 226 present. There were 25 churches represented, 20 pastors and there are 42 churches in the association. Two new Brotherhoods were organized this quarter. Reported by E. A. Easterling, secretary.

Covington Association held their quarterly meeting with 92 present. Ten churches were represented, 9 Brotherhood presidents and 8 pastors. Their regular planning meeting was held. There are 18 churches in the association, nine churches with Brotherhoods, 3 Brotherhoods reported past quarter to the Associational President. 98 is total enrollment of all Brotherhoods, and enrollment of Brotherhoods reporting is 45. Reported by Ralph Herrin, president.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES REPORTED

First Baptist Church at Moss Point has an enrollment of 35 and held 4 meetings last month. They furnished leaders for cottage prayer meetings preceeding the revival. Reported by T. L. Delashmet, Jr.

Oak Grove Brotherhood in Lauderdale Association has an enrollment of 14 and held 4 meetings. They are having a discussion for three meetings on the "Sermon on the Mountain" and are continuing the study of The Life of

Christ. Reported by James Smith.

South Louisville Brotherhood has an enrollment of 12 and held two meetings. Since they are a new Brotherhood they had a supper meeting, a talk was made by the president and they finished organizing. Reported by G. M. Wilson.

Glade Brotherhood in Jones Association has an enrollment of 15 and held 5 meetings. They meet regularly every Wednesday night before Prayer meeting and are completing two additional rooms and garage to the pastors home; have finished three Sunday School rooms and are planning to start building new pews for the church auditorium. Reported by J. L. Griffin.

Stonewall Brotherhood in Clarke County Association has an enrollment of 32 and held 4 meetings. They held cottage prayer meetings with shut-ins and rendered service for the needy. Reported by C. L. Griffin.

Calvary Brotherhood in Washington Association has an enrollment of 24 and held 2 meetings. They are painting the outside and roof of church-building after planing it at this meeting. Made plans to pay off new building site costs under guidance of President and Pastor. This will be done without effecting the church budget. Reported by C. A. Johnson.

Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour broadcast on Sunday, May 17. His message will be heard in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.

Mississippi stations carrying the Baptist Hour broadcast include:

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p. m.; WDOB, Canton, 5 p. m.; WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 6 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 a. m.; WMB, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; and WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:30 p. m.

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Sparks & Splinters

Rev. E. G. Evans of Benoit accepted the call to become pastor of the church at Meltonia.

Dr. Irving M. Prince, pastor of the Temple Church, Hattiesburg, will lead a revival at Richton Church, May 20-31. Rev. Oster Daniels of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will be in charge of the music. Rev. W. M. Averett is the pastor.

Rev. Bryan Simmons recently supplied the pulpit at Natchez, his home church. One made a profession of faith. At the close of the evening service he baptized eight into the fellowship of the church. It has been 65 years since he was baptized into that same fellowship.

Mt. Zion, Independence BBS reported 17 professions of faith, according to the pastor, Rev. Billy Greene. Miss Jessie Smith of Blue Mountain directed the school, in which 109 were enrolled.

Four new officers have been elected by the Greater Council of the B. S. U. at Clarke Memorial College, Newton. They are: James Denton Watson, vice president; Barbara Whitley, promotion chairman; and John Crawford, Training Union Representative. Joe Culpepper was moved from vice president to president. Ira Perkins, Sunday School Representative, is replacing Clovis Martin who has dropped out of school.

The W. M. U. Young People's Rally of Bolivar County will be held at Shelby Church, May 16 at 2 p. m. Miss French Landry, Blue Mountain senior, will be the speaker. Mrs. C. W. Eudy of Cleveland will have charge of the program. All Bolivar County young people are urged to attend; it is not necessary to belong to one of the organizations in order to attend the meeting.

The largest VBS ever held in Scott County was just completed at Morton Church, where 302 were enrolled. Eleven juniors made professions of faith and seven have been baptized. Mrs. Leighton Kelly served as principal and Rev. Carl Duck is the pastor.

Press reports reveal that President Eisenhower has failed to attend church only once since his inauguration on January 20 and this absence was upon the advice of his physician.

Rev. Carlis Berry who is a student at Clarke College was ordained to the Ministry by the Centerfield Church, Bolivar Co., on March 29. Those taking part in the service were Rev. J. A. Fondren, Rev. F. L. Warren, Rev. J. P. Hollinsworth, Rev. Grady Goodman and deacons of the Centerfield Church and from neighboring churches. He has been called as pastor of the McDonald Church in Neshoba County.

Rev. W. C. Blanton, pastor of Dry Creek Church in Winston Association and student at Mississippi College, has been ordained into the Gospel ministry by the Bowmar Avenue Church in Vicksburg, where he was a former member and a layman.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. J. W. Dubose, Lucedale; Rev. C. O. Estes, Mt. Olive; Rev. H. U. Bryant, Louisville; Rev. J. N. Holloway, Macon; Rev. Quentin Perreault, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Reve Stewart, Raleigh, North Carolina; Rev. Mark Lowry, Columbia; Rev. W. C. Howard, Water Valley; Rev. Charles L. Phipps, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Harold C. Clower, Hernando; Mr. Lewis Parrish, Crystal Springs; Rev. and Mrs. Daniel McGregor, Myrtle; Mary Duncan, Pelahatchie; Mrs. Jewell Sanderson, Clinton; Rev. C. O. Daniels, Columbus; Dan E. Henderson, Rev. V. C. Windham, Hattiesburg; F. G. Marble, Leland.



Eighty-three white churches, 14 missions, and 26 Negro churches in Oklahoma County Association have just closed their tenth consecutive Simultaneous Revival Crusade with the best visible results ever reported in any previous campaign. Dr. S. F. Dows directed the campaign, Robert S. Scales served as chairman, and Albert L. Lowther as organizer. The final report shows 1424 baptisms, 883 additions by letter and statement, making a total of 2307 additions.

Rev. Ralph V. Walker did the preaching in a revival at Hurley Church which closed May 1. There were eight additions, three on profession of faith. Rev. Henry C. Walker directed the singing and Miss Barbara Jean Vincent served as pianist. Rev. Henry D. Walker is the pastor.

Some one who didn't have nerve enough to sign his name mailed a clipping from last week's issue of the Baptist Record intimating that the figures quoted were incorrect. The letter was post marked "Long Beach." Ordinarily the Baptist Record pays no attention to unsigned articles. This is one of the exceptions. Under the picture it was stated that Cooperative Program receipts for April were \$127,437.04. On the same page was an article by Dr. Quarles in which he quoted those same figures but also gave the total receipts which included designated receipts. The total receipts were incorrect. The figures were correct. One set of figures were Cooperative Program receipts. The \$208,948.12 was total receipts including designated and Cooperative items.

Rev. Jimmy Breland, BSU secretary at Delta State College has gone to New Orleans Seminary for the summer session. He plans to return to his work in July.

Beginning June 1 four young ladies will go on full time duty as hospital hostesses at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. They will write letters for patients, provide hospital stationery and postal cards, take dictation, and make purchases or phone calls. The new program is a part of the hospital's continuous policy to "put heart" into hospital service, Administrator Frank S. Groner explained.

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Dr. Dorothy McCoy, former head of the department of Mathematics at Belhaven College where she was sponsor of Baptist Student activities, has been selected for attendance at the eight-week Summer Conference in Collegiate Mathematics and awarded a \$300 stipend by the National Science Foundation. Dr. McCoy has been chairman of the division of sciences and mathematics at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, since 1949.

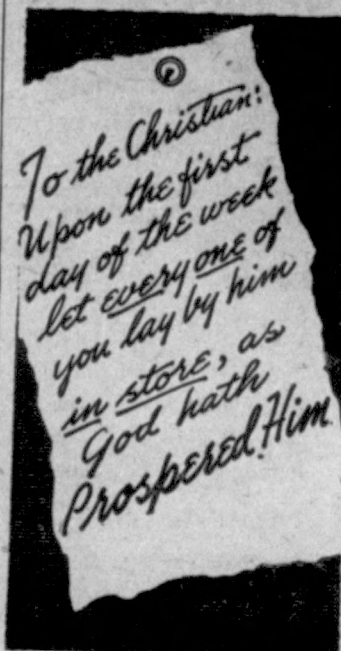
FROM JANUARY THROUGH April Mississippi gave a total of \$143,565 through the Cooperative Program, an increase of \$10,405 over the same period in 1952, according to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. 1953 designated gifts for this period were \$155,533, as compared to \$135,236 in 1952.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, during April, Mississippi gave a total of \$52,032.65, of which \$30,697 was through the Cooperative Program and \$21,335 was designated.

Since January, there have been 100 additions, half of them by baptism, to the First Church, Winfield, Louisiana, where Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Mississippian, is the pastor. Dr. Holcomb was formerly head of the Temperance Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The new associational year was begun with two new departments in Sunday school and three in Training Union.

Thirteen were added to the Macon Church during a revival sponsored jointly by Elon, Concord and Macon. Rev. Gerald Riddell of Colombia, South America, did the preaching and Rev. Earl Edwards, Tutwiler pastor, was the song leader. Rev. R. D. Pearson is the Macon pastor.

Rev. George Dye, pastor of Adatto and Mayhew churches and student at Mississippi College, was the preacher at both morning and evening services at the First Church of Macon on Sunday May 3. Pastor R. D. Pearson spoke that morning at the annual Memorial Service in a former pastorate, Morgan's Chapel in Oktibbeha county.



Bob Robertson of Houston has sent to the Baptist Record a copy of the April Grand Jury Report of Chickasaw county which was made to Judge McElroy. A part of the report especially commended the sheriff for a fine job of enforcing the law, called attention to the so called "whiskey condition" of the county being perhaps in better shape now than at any time since the repeal of the national prohibition act. The report also commended the judge and the district attorney for his able counsel and work and the forthright manner in which he discharged his duties. The report was signed by D. A. Ray, foreman.

The following students at Clarke Memorial College have received appointments to do summer mission work: Thomas Thurman from Monticello, will do general mission work in Oklahoma. Barbara Whitley, Dalesville, Ala.; and Barbara Milne, Mobile, Ala.; Ridgecrest staff. Bobbie Fulton, Moss Point, will work with the Home Mission Board in Arkansas. Nannie Lou Sumrall, Morton; Betty Ann Watts, Batesville; and Louise Culpepper, Columbus will teach study courses for the State Training Union Department. Carolyn McGahagin, Tibbie, Ala., will work in Vacation Bible Schools in Alabama.

Blue Mountain—The Mountaineer the yearbook of Blue Mountain College, was dedicated to Mrs. Walter F. Taylor, instructor of library science.

The church at Crystal Springs in business session recently accepted the recommendation of its Building Committee to set the fifth Sundays in May, August, and November as building fund days. The goal for each of the three Sundays is \$10,000. This is to be an over-and-above offering. Rev. M. D. Morton is the pastor.

SOUTHSIDE COLUMBUS ADDS NINE; BEGINS EDUCATION UNIT

The Southside Baptist Church of Columbus held a revival April 26-May 3, with Rev. Mitchell Bennett of Savannah, Tenn., as the evangelist and Roland Boyd, of Evans, Ga., the singer and soloist. Chaplain Maj. W. J. McDaniel of Columbus Air Base brought the message on the closing evening May 3. Nine came for baptism.

The church is beginning this week to dig a footing for the construction of an additional educational building on the rear of the present lot. The blueprints are for a two-story building with a large dining room to be used for recreation, assembly, prayer meeting, and Sunday School with movable petitions. On the first floor will be a beginner department and primary department.

On the second floor the plans call for a junior department with assembly room and eight class rooms and an intermediate department with an assembly room and eight class rooms.

The Sunday School broke two records in April and had an average attendance in the Sunday School of 191.

Rev. Boyd Armstrong is the pastor.

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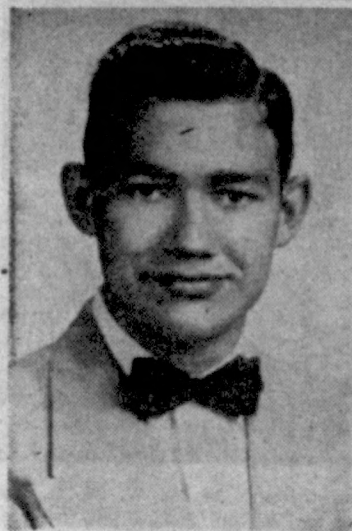
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HENRY E. WHITE, JR.

Mr. Henry E. White, Jr., of Natchez, a recent graduate of Miss. College, has again volunteered for Youth-led Revivals this summer, having worked in a number of very successful ones during the past several years. Pastors, let's keep him and other fine Baptist student volunteers for this work busy.

Southwest Jr. BSU Sec'y Lillian Jones reports a desire for a Prayer Room on the campus as the result of our recent visit there. We are thankful for this. Students need a place to be alone with God, maybe one in the girls dorm for them and one for boys in their dorm.

S. E. Grinstead, of Nashville, Tenn., has been elected BSU Sec'y for the 110 Negro colleges and universities of the U. S. A BSU Center has recently been erected for the Negro students in Nashville.

MISCELLANEA

May's Baptist Student contains an interesting account of evangelistic efforts of Capt. and Mrs. H. A. (Alf) Waggener, Mississippians, who are stationed with the Air Force in Tokyo.

Receipts for Student Summer Missions total \$1499.23 as of this date.

Graduating Seniors are urged to transfer their church membership as soon after graduation as is possible.

And high school seniors are invited to attend the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 10-17 and at Glorieta Aug. 24-30. So are college pastors.

"... the Christian who has never been to college has had, in many important ways, a better education than the college graduate who has never been to church... It may easily develop... that the one most valuable service of the liberal arts college is that of holding a reasonable balance between 'general' and 'vocational' education."—Dean Walter F. Taylor, of Blue Mountain.

Dr. A. E. Wood Receives High Honor In Florida



DR. A. E. WOOD

Dr. A. E. Wood, professor of chemistry at Mississippi College, will be singularly honored in Miami, Florida on Friday, May 15 when the Florida Section of the American Chemical Society presents to him the 1953 Florida Section Award for distinguished service in the field of chemistry.

The citation reads: "Because of your amazing record as a teacher and your outstanding qualities as a chemist, this token of recognition is being extended to you by the Florida Section."

During his thirty-three years at Mississippi College he has trained about two hundred chemists. Many of his former students now hold professorships of chemistry in the leading colleges and universities of the nation and many others are outstanding in industry and research. As a group, these former students have published more than 500 research and technical papers.

Dr. Wood holds the B. S. from Mercer University, the M. S. from Vanderbilt University, and the Ph. D. from the University of Pittsburgh. He is the author of seventeen research and technical papers. Several of his early papers were presented at annual meetings of the American Chemical Society. A research article by Wood, Sheely, and Trusty, published in 1928 appears to be the first research paper worked out independently in a Mississippi laboratory to be published in a journal of the American Chemical Society.

He is active in scientific circles frequently attending the annual meetings of the American Chemical Society as well as many of the local section meetings of the Society. He is now serving his second term as vice president of the Southern Association of Science and Industry.

sionaries. "It seems to me that any God-called preacher would be happy and proud to wear an emblem showing that he was a member of the 'R-A-Y' Band and that his 'Revival-A-Year' for foreign missions was sending a 'ray' of light into some darkened corner where people long for the Light," he said.

SBC Resolutions Rap Movies, Beer, Communists, TV

BY A. L. GOODRICH

At the closing business session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Communism was denounced, along with sexy movies and their "commercializing" of religious subjects.

The Convention also opposed the use of television to advertise beer and tobacco and called it an "invasion of the privacy of the home."

Concerning movies, Dr. J. Norris Palmer, pastor of the First Church, Baton Rouge, La., said that a man told him that he'd listened to some beautiful religious music on the radio. He also stated that the announcer said that the music was from the picture "Salome."

Other resolutions mentioned obscene literature, cigarettes, and persecution of protestants and Baptists in Catholic dominated lands.

The resolutions also paid tribute to the coverage of the convention by newspaper, radio and TV.

The resolutions in part follow:

1. That the convention petition congress to provide legislation necessary to give full-time vocational lay religious leaders and students, preparing for this work 4-D draft classification.

2. Whereas, millions of people are denied the benefits of religious, economic and political freedom by Communism and other forms of tyranny, and

Whereas, denial of these benefits is most conspicuous in those lands, either formerly or now dominated by a state church, and

Whereas, in such countries as Italy, Spain and certain South American states minority religious groups are subjected to persecution by the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Be it resolved, that the convention extends to all such people our sympathy and assurance of our prayers, and

Reaffirms our historic and traditional adherence to the principles of free men and a free church in a free state; and

Be it further resolved that we petition the President and the State Department to employ such punitive measures as may be necessary to relieve these distressing conditions and redress these wrongs.

3. Resolved, that we fraternally urge all our churches and people

I was jumping around so much that my crystal ball got a little befuddled. However, I had an experience recently that gave it time to settle down a bit. I went to the river to catch a bus, and while waiting for the bus (from 6:45 a. m., to 2:30 p. m.) I had time to think a bit and get the ball back in focus. —James P. Kirk, missionary to Brazil.

ple to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible Society in order to provide enough Scriptures for world-wide missionary needs for the printed Word.

4. Resolved, that the convention go on record as deploring the fact that the advertising of beer and cigarettes (on radio and television) is brought into the average home daily in a manner destined to exert a most unfavorable influence on children and young people, and that we protest this invasion of the sanctity of our homes.

5. Resolved, that the convention go on record as approving the 1955 "Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade of all Southern Baptist churches and mission stations."

6. Resolved, the convention most heartily commends the congressional investigation into obscene literature and all other efforts to improve the reading level of our people.

7. Resolved, that the executive committee give careful study to the question of participating by ministers in social security benefits and reports its findings and recommendations, if any, to the convention in 1954.

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Language school begins at 7:30 a. m. and is over at 12 noon. Shortly after school is out the post office is jammed with Baptist missionaries waiting to see if there is any mail from home. And how we do appreciate your letters!—Hoke Smith, Jr., missionary to Colombia, in language school in Costa Rica.

Bills are being introduced in 34 state legislatures to change the observance of several legal holidays so that they will invariably fall on Mondays. The purpose is to provide long week-ends for recreation and travel and to eliminate absenteeism in business and industry when midweek holidays occur. The proposed change would result in four Monday holidays: President's Day, third Monday in February; Memorial Day, last Monday in May; Independence Day, first Monday in July; and Thanksgiving Day, fourth Monday in November.

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PASTOR WANTS TO BE MORE THAN "AVERAGE"

A Southern Baptist pastor has sent to the Foreign Mission Board the \$75 he received for holding a revival with the explanation that he "wanted to do something more practical to aid the work."

He wrote: "I have not been called of God to do foreign mission work, but as pastor for more than 15 years I have urged support of the cause. However, I was never satisfied. I am now sending you the offering for the first revival meeting since leaving the seminary."

"I plan to do this every year. Now, I have the feeling that I am doing more than 'average.' Of course, I shall never be satisfied with what I'm doing, but this is a step in the right direction."

The pastor also suggested that "R-A-Y" (Revival-A-Year) organizations might be organized and promoted by state mission boards and evangelism departments in cooperation with associational mis-

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EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Girls' Auxiliary camps begin in July and continue through August. Camp Garaywa will really be alive and on the move during those weeks! See that your organization knows the dates, prices, etc. (information already mailed each G. A. Counselor; if yours hasn't arrived, write: Nell Taylor, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.)

THE MISSION OF CAMP GARAYWA IS MISSIONS!

Training School Trustee Reports

Mrs. J. H. Street, Mississippi's Trustee of the Training School in Louisville gives us a report of this school which belongs to Woman's Missionary Union. We are giving excerpts from the report this week and "more to follow!" Since all of you had a part in making possible the following report, I know you will rejoice in it:

"This report on our school must begin with enthusiastic thanks to you, District Chairman, all Board members and the wonderful wo-

men and young people whom you lead. The spirit of appreciation for all that Mississippi women have done for the school, since my last report to you, literally permeated the place while the trustees were there in annual meeting in February. Your abundant gifts of money for specific purposes in the school, pecans, fruit cakes, home-canned foods of all kinds, bed linens, towels and bathclothes, kitchen towels, table napkins—all these gifts from our districts, along with your personal notes to our girls, the Nan Dean Memorial gift of \$500 to build a new bridge in the "Valley of Decision"; the placing of a book from Mississippi in the library; and Mississippi's prompt contribution in full of our state's apportionment for the support of the school combined to make this year a memorable one for Mississippi at the school. Thank You!"

Next week I want to tell you about immediate and future plans for the school.

EVANGELISM COUNCIL SUITS RURAL CHURCH

By DR. C. E. WILBANKS

Secretary of Evangelism

The beauty of our Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism is that it follows the New Testament literally. It follows the New Testament Program or plan of mass evangelism and personal evangelism. It emphasizes personal evangelism through visitation from house to house. Thus did Jesus send out His disciples when He had twelve men. He sent them by two's, when He had seventy. He sent them by two's. Paul declared that he ceased not to warn men night and day from house to house with tears. Inasmuch as our churches get away from the house to house visitation and witnessing for Christ, warning men and testifying of the Lord, just that far do we handicap ourselves in reaching the multitudes for the Master.

One great feature of the Southern Baptist Plan of Evangelism is its emphasis upon this house to house visitation by two's through the leadership of the Evangelism Church Council. This Council is made up of the chosen leaders of the church, that is the pastor, and the heads of the organizations, namely, Sunday School, Training Union, Missionary Union and Brotherhood. Other soul-winning members might be added to this council, as the church sees fit.

Recently the State Director of Evangelism conducted a clinic on evangelism in Rocky Creek Baptist Church, nine miles out from Lucedale. This was by far the best clinic we have conducted because we took four nights for it, were unhurried and could really master certain phases of present day evangelism.

Great emphasis was laid upon the work of the Evangelism Church Council. Now here, April 30, came a letter from the pastor of the

Tiny Congregation Left Big Trust Fund

Efland, N. C.—(RNS)—A trust fund that may total \$500,000 has been left to the tiny Efland Presbyterian church whose 29-member congregation meets for the worship services only twice a month and is accustomed to operating on an annual budget of about \$1,200.

In announcing the bequest by the late Will Ed Thompson, member of the church for 40 years, the Rev. John Ensign asked the congregation to pray for divine guidance in "the solemn responsibility placed upon us to use this money not only for the local church but for the welfare of the entire community."

Only a few days before Mr. Thompson's death, the congregation was hard put to scrape together enough funds to have the church building repainted.

Mr. Thompson, a real estate man, left his entire estate to the church, with the exception of personal gifts totaling about \$50,000. The executor said he had not yet determined the exact amount of the residue accruing to the church fund but that it would run between \$250,000 and \$500,000. The congregation may with his approval he said, use either the principal or the interest.

church. We quote, "You may use this as an example if you wish. Evangelism Church Council and weekly visitation will work in a country church. I waited to be sure before writing you. We have a small number going out to visit each Sunday. The results are good and we expect them to be better. We had six additions last Sunday and expect five this Sunday."

This is a program to help the smaller churches, and will help those with larger memberships.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

May 10, 1953

Hattiesburg, Main Street	892	242
New Albany, First	576	174
Mission	23	16
Laurel, Second Avenue	435	112
Laurel, First	572	152
West Laurel	435	121
Mission	61	41
Kreole, First	111	71
Springfield (Scott)	135	67
Jackson:		
Westview	228	162
Northside	495	120
Parkway	978	512
Crestwood	554	364
Highland	126	100
Southside	330	147
First	1396	482
Main Church	1306	435
Ridgecrest Chapel	90	47
Calvary	1454	390
Main Church	1390	342
Mission	64	48
Van Winkle	474	208
Abbeville	81	25
Ruth	55	39
Holly Bluff	139	88
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	150	95
Gulfport, First	893	275
Chester (Choctaw)	64	58
Concord (Choctaw)	109	114
Yazoo City, First	440	139
Meridian, South Side	408	191
Philadelphia, First	352	112
Meridian, Poplar Springs		
Drive	387	143
Meridian, Highland	481	124
Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.	552	242
Petal-Harvey	310	113
Hattiesburg, Temple	595	
Friendship (Lincoln)	52	43
Fair River (Lincoln)	119	65
Newton	455	205
Brookhaven, First	864	282
Main	735	204
Southway	68	48
Halbert Heights	61	30
McComb, Locust Street	100	61
Darling	108	48
East McComb	475	180
Center Ridge (Yazoo)	208	131
Bethel (Amite)	37	66
Bay St. Louis, First	137	68
Calhoun City, First	349	114
Clarksdale	643	81
McComb, Friendship	168	82
Columbus, East End	212	119
Grenada, Emmanuel	238	80
Longview (Oktibbeha)	65	51
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	161	92
Crystal Springs, First	632	154
Corinth, Tate Street	301	109
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	34	32
Greenwood, Calvary	381	172
Kosciusko, Second	222	129
Raymond	158	79
Clinton	463	213
Kosciusko, First	666	265
Pleasant Ridge (Choctaw)	59	67
Picayune, First	510	173
Biloxi, First	548	174
Glenfield (Union)	104	69
Richton	101	76
West Point, First	684	265
Main Church	603	205
Calvary	81	66

It is always embarrassing for me to give my report before this mission, not because I am ashamed of or dislike my work; for I consider it much more interesting than to be able to report that I had visited ninety-seven churches or had written two books. But it does seem sort of foolish to get up here and say, "I've been taking care of the children." — Zelma (Mrs. E. F., Jr.) Hallock, missionary to Brazil.



Shown above are the Southwide officers of the W. M. U. who were elected at the recent meeting in Houston. Seated left to right: Mrs. W. C. Tyler (Blue Mountain, Miss.), recording secretary; Mrs. George R. Martin, president; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary. Standing, left to right: Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary; Mrs. J. Furniss Lee, assistant recording secretary; Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary.

Southern Baptist Leader Surveying Protestant Situation

ROME —(RNS)— George W.

Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, arrived here from Madrid to survey the situation of Protestants in Italy.

Dr. Sadler said the attitude of civil and Roman Catholic authorities in Spain toward Protestants was unchanged.

Two Spanish university graduates had been refused Army commissions because they were Protestants, he said. British Baptists, had been refused residence permits and an American was granted a permit only after intervention by

the U. S. embassy, he added.

Dr. Sadler's principle purpose in Spain was to arrange for the purchase of property by the Foreign Mission Board for church construction. Purchase of property for Protestant worship is allowed legally but, Protestants have complained, practically is impossible. Dr. Sadler will visit the Near East, Switzerland, Germany and England before returning to the United States.

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President's Address Hits High Mark

Excerpts gleaned from the address of President J. D. Grey at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention follow:

"Led by the Spirit of God, we shall survey the past, evaluate the present, and face the future. Blessed by His Presence, we shall understand and feel again the spirit that is the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Another mighty outcropping of the spirit that is Southern Baptists', discernible at this convention, has to do with the glorious cause of world missions. Every church we organize in the homeland, every institution we set up, every program we project, should have as its end result the giving of the Gospel of Christ to all peoples of all the world.

"The spirit of missions, or world evangelization, has made us what we are and it and only it will maintain us. Well as Dr. Robert E. Speer said, 'Any man who has a religion is bound to do one of two things with it: change it or spread it.' If it isn't true, he must give it away.

"The record of giving among Southern Baptists the past fifty years shows conclusively that they subscribe to this principle of giving and growing. In 1902, our per capita giving to all causes was \$2.64 with 63 cents for missions. In 1942, our per capita giving to all causes was \$9.73 with \$1.80 going for mission. But last year, 1952, our per capita giving to all causes had increased to \$32.48 for all causes with \$6 going for missions.

"Nothing, nothing in the world, must cause us to slacken our pace or lessen our gifts for missions. Many of us in our local churches are contemplating, or have already completed, magnificent new buildings.

"Yes, we need them, and we must have them if we are to reach people with the Gospel in communities where we serve. But, oh, beloved, how tragic indeed it would be to erect one of these fine new buildings and force the missionaries to pay for it. We must not chide nor criticize any in this regard, but it is our solemn duty to remind one another that any building erected at the expense of missions cannot and must not be dedicated to the glory of God.

—BR—

The Central Church of Brookhaven enjoyed a remarkable day with a combination Mother's Day and Baby Day Service, May 10, 1953. All babies, three years and under, were brought to the morning service and presented a tiny, red rose bud. There were 15 babies present. The youngest one, 10 days old, was given a white New Testament. Corsages were given to the oldest mother, the youngest mother, and the mother with the most children present. Three of the fathers bringing babies united with the church, two by baptism and one by letter. The week was planned by Mrs. R. J. Aultman and Mrs. J. J. Acy, nursery department leaders. Rev. James I. Travis is pastor.

Convention Hears Two-Fold Program For Press Improvement

HOUSTON, Tex. — Southern Baptists were challenged to increase the quality and the circulation of their state papers. Dr. B. H. Duncan, chairman of the Committee on Baptist State Papers and editor of The Arkansas Baptist, told the convention in session here that the first challenge is to produce better paper.

"Much improvement can be made on present budgets," Duncan said. "However, in order for the state papers to adequately fulfill their mission it is absolutely necessary that they have larger budgets and larger staffs. So many dollars will produce only so much even in the publishing industry and even when the publication is a Baptist state paper. Also, so many people can do only so much work even though they are an editor and his staff. In far too many cases, the editor, the make-up man, the news gatherer, the feature story writer, etc., are all combined in one person. The only possible way this situation can be remedied is to provide a larger budget for the state paper

which makes it possible to employ a larger staff."

Duncan gave as the second challenge the need for expanded circulation. He said, "The big challenge is to expand the circulation. The combined circulation of Southern Baptist state papers, stands at \$1,080,129. Figured at 3½ persons per family this would mean that 3,594,737 Baptists are receiving one of the state papers. That leaves approximately 1,082,218 Baptist homes into which the state paper does not go."

In concluding his report Duncan called for a conference of all editors and press representatives of Southern Baptist institutions and agencies to discuss the problem and opportunities for publicity and for news coverage of these agencies and institutions. The conference would consider both paid and unpaid material.

A circulation of 1,200,000 has been set as a goal to be reached by the time of the convention in 1954.



June Calendar Of Activities

- 1-6—Junior R. A. Camp, Garaywa.
- 3-9—Y. W. A. Camp, Ridgecrest.
- 8—New Class, School of Nursing, Baptist Hospital.
- 8-13—All State Int. R. A. Camp, Garaywa.
- 8-14—Church Music Conference, Glorieta.
- 8-26—District Training Union Conventions.
- 10-17—B. S. U. Retreat, Ridgecrest.
- 15-20—Junior R. A. Camp, Garaywa.
- 15-21—Foreign Missions Conference, Glorieta.
- 18-24—Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest.
- 22-27—Junior R. A. Camp, Garaywa.
- 22-28—Home Mission Conference, Glorieta.
- 22-26—Brotherhood Conference at Glorieta.
- 28—Southwide Christian Education Day.
- 25 July 1—Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest.
- 29 July 3—State Pastors and Brotherhood Assembly, Garaywa.
- 29 July 5—Y. W. A. Camp, Glorieta.
- 1 July 6—Camp Ridgecrest for Boys.

WASHINGTON REVIVAL ADDS 17; CHURCH TO HAVE ANNIVERSARY

Lay evangelist Allison Bell, Tupelo, did the preaching in a revival at Washington church recently, and Gordon Hunter, Mississippi College, led the singing. There were 17 additions, 9 on profession of faith and a large number of reconsecrations.

The church has voted to purchase news pews, which will soon be installed.

According to the pastor, Rev. W. E. Hardy, the church will have its third anniversary on June 14.

—BR—

State Men Named To Various Boards

Mississippians named for the first time to one of the convention-wide boards were as follows:

Home Mission Board: Dr. Irving M. Prince, Hattiesburg.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary: Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus.

Radio Commission: Cecil Travis, Jackson.

Public Affairs Committee: Purser Hewitt, Jackson.

Brotherhood Commission: Dr. S. B. Platt, Columbus.

Other Mississippians named on committees were: Dr. John W. Landrum, committee on Boards; Dr. Wyatt Hunter, committee on committees; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, committee on Baptist papers; Rev. Chester Molpus, committee on time, place and preacher.

—BR—

I hesitate to repeat again after so many years that the job of keeping house in north Parana isn't any better; because the red dirt hasn't faded a bit in color, nor has the dust become less irritating, nor is the mud any less sticky, nor are the boys any better behaved. All I can say is "ditto." —Rosalie Duggan (Mrs. T. N.) Clinkscale, missionary to Brazil.

To Lead Music Lab



DR. J. CAMPBELL WRAY

Dr. J. Campbell Wray, Dean of School of Music, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will be the visiting leader when the State Baptist Music Leaders Laboratory meets Friday, May 22 at the First Church in Jackson.

—BR—

REVIVAL ADDS 12 AT EAST HOWARD, BILOXI

East Howard Church of Biloxi recently closed its spring revival. The evangelist was the pastor, Rev. H. Fred Williams, who recently came to the Biloxi pastorate.

More than forty church members rededicated their lives during the week. Two adult men and two young ladies were saved, and eight others united with the church by letter. The church has rejoiced to see 32 additions to its membership within the past two months.

A year's record attendance was achieved Sunday, May 3, with 171 present for the Sunday School hour.

The services were broadcast each morning during the week over station WVMJ, Biloxi.

Mrs. Fred Williams led in the singing and organized a Children's Choir. The pianist and organist for the week were Mrs. Fred Aplin and Mrs. James Creel.

—BR—

A week of radio-TV workshops will be conducted by our Radio and Television Commission at Glorieta, New Mexico, June 8-14, and at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 25-31. The sessions will be open to all pastors and other church leaders interested in learning how to use radio and television most effectively on a local basis. Participants on the program will include representatives from the major television networks, and from various stations and film production agencies all over the country. All of those attending these meetings will be asked to take part in the creation and production of at least one radio program and one television program. radio recordings will be made by each workshop group, and some television films will be produced. Further details on this work can be obtained by writing to the Radio and Television Commission, Station E, Box 8, Atlanta, Georgia. Reservations should be made as early as possible.

Pierce Celebrates 4th Anniversary At Kosciusko, 1st

Sunday May 3 the First Church, Kosciusko, celebrated the fourth anniversary of Rev. A. B. Pierce as pastor. Sunday school attendance was 834 and Training Union attendance was 284. Total gifts amounted to \$4,069 of which \$2,825 was a special anniversary offering on the indebtedness of the building.

During the four years in which Mr. Pierce has served as pastor the Sunday School enrollment has increased 38 per cent to the present figure of 1405. Training Union, meanwhile, has increased in enrollment by 107 per cent to 409. Attendance in both organizations has also shown similar gains.

Since the coming of Mr. Pierce the church has erected a completely new church home which, with fixtures, cost more than \$335,000. Additions to the church have been 725, with 326 of these coming by baptism. Cash contributions in the four year period amounted to an average of \$76,000 per year.

Attendance in both Sunday school and Training Union surpassed all previous averages at First Baptist Church, Kosciusko during the month of April. Sunday School attendance averaged 793 while Training Union averaged 274.

The Sunday School also broke all records for any single Sunday with 1036 present on Easter Sunday.

—BR—

Mrs. Victoria Ellzey Bullock

WHEREAS, on Dec. 29, 1952, God saw fit to bring to a close the long and useful life of Mrs. Victoria Ellzey Bullock, affectionately known as Grandma Vick.

WHEREAS, she was the oldest charter member of Dinan Baptist Church, attending regularly as long as her health permitted.

WHEREAS, she strove courageously to rear her family in Christian discipline, always calm and serene with faith in her Lord as she lived from day to day.

WHEREAS, the fragrance of a lovely rose lingers on, so will the memory of this one whose life was the flower, sweet and beautiful from bud to wilted petals.

WHEREAS, we feel deeply our great loss in her going, but count it a privilege to pay tribute to the loving memory of such a devoted mother, grandmother and faithful friend.

THEREFORE be it resolved: that we express our sympathy to the bereaved family and pray God's richest blessing upon them.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Jimmie Magee, Mrs. Carlos Owens, and Mrs. Hosea Luter.

—BR—

I'm getting more and more impressed all the time with this business of being a missionary in Brazil. How true it is that Christ is all-sufficient in our task of winning others to him.—Edith West, missionary to Brazil.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MISS JOYCE SUTTON, Office Secretary

"MILLION MORE IN '54"

Southern Baptists have 3½ million people enrolled in Sunday School.

To reach a million more next year means an increase of about 20 per cent. This will be the figure for each school to work on. Of course, this is the minimum. Go as far beyond this as possible, to help make up for some that do not get their 20 per cent.

If a school now has an enrolment of 50, that means an increase of 10. If a school now has an enrolment of 100, that means an increase of 20. If a school now has an enrolment of 200, that means an increase of 40 and so on up the line.

Thus each school can figure the exact number it should work to add to the present enrolment.

Also, we have learned through many years of building schools that we grow at the rate of 10 per worker. This is a lesson we have learned and it has really become a law in building schools.

So, if a school now has an enrolment of 50, and would want to increase that next year by at least 10, and since we grow at the rate of 10 per worker, that school would need at least one extra worker.

If a school now has an enrolment of 100, and that means an increase of 20, and since we grow at the rate of 10 per worker, that school will need at least two extra workers.

Therefore, each school can not only figure the exact number to add to the roll to get its share of this million more, but can also know the number of extra workers that will be needed to do this. This will help each school to plan most definitely and practically for the important matter of reaching its part in this great and challenging program.

Where Place These Workers?

The above section suggested how we may arrive at the number of extra workers each school will need to get its 20 per cent of the million more in '54.

Now, the question arises as to where we shall place them in the organization. And we must face that frankly.

Suppose a school with a present enrolment of 50 does not now have a Cradle Roll department. It is entirely possible for it to reach its 20 per cent, or 10 people in this case, by simply organizing a Cradle Roll department, and this one extra worker this school needs would be the supt. of this new Cradle Roll department.

This department of the work cares for the babies from birth through three years of age who do not come to Sunday school. It is a home ministry entirely, and thus does not require any space in the building.

The very same thing is possible in many schools with reference to the Extension department, which is for those who CANNOT attend.

Many schools with 100 enrolled now, and will need to add at least 20, can do that by organizing Cradle Roll and Extension departments, and their two extra workers would serve as the superintendents of them.

Or, the greatest need may be another Adult class; or a Junior class, or an extra class in some other age group of the school.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Port Gibson

While Pastor A. A. Ward was away helping to dedicate Standing Pine Church in Lake county we had the privilege of supplying for him at Port Gibson.

Since our last visit there the auditorium has been redecorated and cushioned pews installed.

We got there in time to hear the last part of the Sunday School lesson in the Men's Class. We haven't heard better teaching anywhere.

Several spoke in appreciation of the pastor and his work.

Record readers in Claiborne county are now listed as follows: HERMANVILLE, 30; PORT GIBSON 107; Shiloh, 15; Beech Grove, 24.

New Church—New E. F.

The almost universal custom is for newly organized churches to adopt the Every Family Plan either before or soon after organization.

The Matthews Church in Lafayette County is no exception. Recently organized, the church has already adopted the Every Family Plan. The pastor is Rev. Tommy Bryon. Pastor Bryon's home is in Oxford but he is a student at Mississippi College.

Rev. Foy Rogers, supt. of Missions for Lafayette county, led in the organization of the church and also is largely responsible for leading the church to adopt the Every Family Plan.

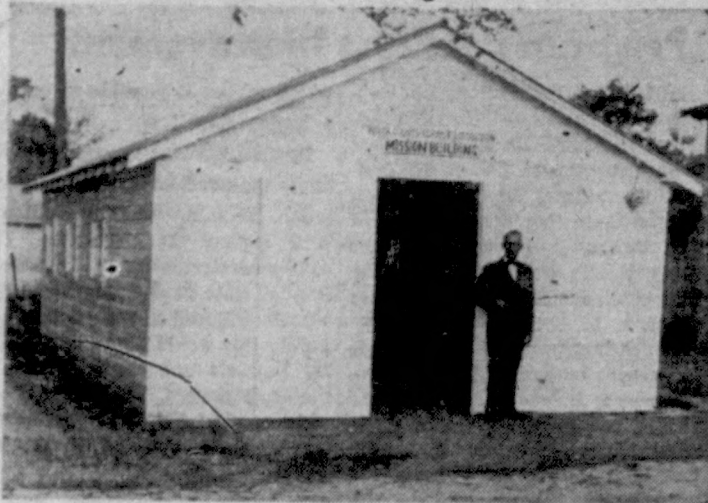
Record readers in Lafayette County are now listed as follows: Bay Springs 11; Abbeville 8; ANCHOR 22; Bethel 17; CLEAR CREEK 50; DELAY 25; New Hope 18; NEW PROSPECT 65; Oxford 77; Paris 1; SHILOH 29; Taylor 19; TULA 43; UNION WEST 32; University BSU 1; PHILADELPHIA 42; NORTH OXFORD 90; and MATTHEWS 11.

Dry Creek Helped

Among the many churches that aided the Baptist Record in passing the 78,000 mark was Dry Creek Church in Rankin County. The pastor is Rev. Wilber Webb, who lives in Jackson. Recently a list of 15 names were sent with instructions to send the Record so that the people of Dry Creek Church could keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Rankin County Record readers are now listed as follows: AN-TIOCH 38; BETHEL 49; BRAN-DON 128; BRIAR HILL 52; CATO 42; CLEAR BRANCH 53; CON-

Marion Mission Building Constructed



Shown above is the Marion County Baptist Association's Mission Building, which has a sawdust floor and a seating capacity of 75. The walls are built in 8 foot sections and the roof in 4 foot sections, making it possible to move the building to convenient locations for the purpose of holding revivals, organizing missions, or having other special meetings. The first meeting for which it was used was a revival in which Rev. J. N. Holloway, associational missionary, did the preaching. Constructed under his guidance, the building was financed by gifts from local Brotherhood and W. M. S. groups, as well as individual donations.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

CALLED AND ACCEPTED:

Paul Elledge, Broadway, Kansas City, Mo., from Beulah Church, Cheneyville, La.

W. W. Burns, Roby Mo., from Pine Ave., Anniston, Ala.

Burton A. Miley, First, Springdale, Ark., from Marianna, Ark.

O. Norman Shands, West End, Atlanta, Ga., from Pres., Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C.

John D. Laida, First, Fulton, Ky., from First, Auburn, Ky.

J. R. Everett, First, Spring Lake, N. C., from First Maiden, N. C.

Ralph R. Bebsley, Enon, Catawba River Association, N. C., from Cumberland Ave., Asheville, N. C.

A. E. Nikkel, First, Fairland, Okla., from Third Ave., Miami, Fla.

Glenn A. Toomey, Homestead, Crossville, Tenn., from First, Le-noir City, Tenn.

James Thornton Williams, First, Forsyth, Ga., from 1st, Buford, Ga.

B. H. Hunter, East Maryville, Tenn., from First, Madison, Ill.

Nathan L. Robinson, Pilgrim Rest, Eunice, La., from 1st, Cotton Valley, La.

Olan Walters, West Monroe, La., H. G. Daniels, Beulah Ch., near Farmersville, La., from West Monroe.

Howard Bryant, First, Zevolle, La.

Walter E. Bryant, Cox's Creek, Ky., from Gilmer Street, Cartersville, Ga.

CORD 30; COUNTY LINE 33; DRY CREEK 15; EAST SIDE 48; FANNIN 17; HICKORY RIDGE 36; JOHNS 31; LEESBURG 72; LIBERTY 34; CROSS ROADS 41; MOUNTAIN CREEK 30; MT. POS-GAH 43; OAKDALE 54; PAUL TRUITT MEMORIAL 85; PEARL CITY 42; PEARSON 37; PELA-HATCHIE 71; PUCKETT 44; RE-HOBETH 36; RICHLAND 106; ROCK BLUFF 26; ROCK HILL 20; STAR 52; STEENS CREEK 135; UNION 25; and VALUE 33.

REV. R. A. MORRIS

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from his earthly labors, our beloved brother, and pastor the Rev. Rol-lie A. Morris, and

WHEREAS, his going is a distinct loss to this church, community, and state, and

WHEREAS, Brother Morris was for 16 years pastor of our church, having through faith, patience, and perseverance, led us through a building program, which far exceeded the most vivid imagination, and

WHEREAS, with a program of evangelism, and stewardship our membership was doubled, and tithes and offerings were more than quadrupled, and

WHEREAS, he was a most zealous pastor and leader, giving freely of his time and talents to ministering to the needs of the people of this community.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that in the going of Brother Morris, the Newton Baptist Church has suffered the loss of a most consecrated pastor and leader, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the memory of Brother Morris will always be bright in our hearts.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. Tidwell, P. T. James, Roy Kuykendal, Newton Baptist Church.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 YEARS AGO—

This is Southern Baptist Convention Number: which was held in Savannah, Georgia.

Delegates present at opening of the Convention numbered 1136.

Secretary R. J. Willingham of the Foreign Mission Board reported total gifts of \$218,500; the largest amount in the Board's history, and that the increase of gifts from Mississippi "had been proportionately the largest in all the states."

Secretary I. T. Tichenor of the Home Board having died on December 2 previous, Dr. McConnell read the report which revealed that \$100,450 had been received from all sources, near \$13,000 less than expenditures, thus creating a deficit.

40 YEARS AGO—

The Baptist church-house at Rienzi, Miss., was recently blown away by a cyclone. Their first church-house was "torn away by the Federal troops"; their second one was demolished by a cyclone in 1875. They now call for help to build a fourth.

25 YEARS AGO—

Pastor H. L. Martin preached and Alvin Doty led the singing in Lexington Baptist Revival, with 19 accessions, 12 for baptism.

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LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

Bible Texts: I Thessalonians

I. THE GREETING

Paul-Silvanus-Timothy. This is the signature. After the custom of that day the writer of a letter began his letter by signing it. Paul, the author, signs his letter, then associates with himself, not as co-authors of the letter but as fellow-workers with him in his labors for his Lord, his two fellow-helpers, Silvanus and Timothy.

After the signature, Paul writes the address, "Unto the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Note that Paul here locates the church in the sphere of the will of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church is the body of which the Lord Jesus is head. This body of the Lord Jesus on earth is the agency through which He functions in all His divine work among men, and is made alive and kept alive and girded with strength by the living spirit of the mystic Christ, the exalted king of his loyal subjects. Ah! If only the churches, the members of the churches the church of the Lord Jesus, in any one of the units in which His body on earth finds manifestation but knew the exalted position that a church, any church, rural or urban, town or city, occupies in the economy of the glorious God!

What a tremendous difference it would make in the conception of the membership of the church and in the heightened appreciation of the lofty functions the church is ordained to perform in the kingdom of God. The might of the church to guard and preserve and disseminate and propagate the truth, the whole truth, as it is in Christ Jesus, is only faintly appreciated by those who constitute the membership of the churches of this country. If the whole race of men escapes being whelmed in a flood of vice and immorality, of outrageous sin, of the destruction of every vestige of decent civilization, it will be because, and wholly because, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, the pillar and the ground of truth, is preserved faithful unto its function as the body of Christ.

Now note the salutation, the good wish, the desired bestowal of God's richest blessings upon the faithful to Christ in Thessalonica. "Grace to you and peace." How time-worn and smooth these tremendous words have become in the mouths of our people! How almost infinitely below the tremendous meanings these words held for Paul are their meanings to the comanility of our people as they use them today, loosely and carelessly! The meaning of the word which we translate with the word "grace" meant to Paul the mercy of God extended to the helpless and the undeserving. Grace means the love of God in action, the love of God bestowing life eternal on hearts that are dead

in sin, bestowing potency, and strength on hearts that are impotent of any power to do right. "Grace" means that which reconciles the outrageous rebel to an offended God, and it is exercised on man's behalf through the love of the heavenly Father. "Peace" means being as one with God in all God's ways and works. Such is Paul's first wish for the church in Thessalonica.

II. THE DAY OF THE LORD, OR THE COMING OF THE LORD

There are two different attitudes of mind with reference to the coming of the Lord, both of which, I think, are wrong! The first is the attitude of feverish expectancy, and an expectancy which would restrain the subject of it from planting corn or planning life; the other is the attitude of cold indifference and careless neglect. The first of these often results in fanaticism and in confusing the truth with the fantastic creations of a wild and impulsive imagination.

To guard against these errors, Paul exhorts his readers to be calm and watchful. "The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night." This will be the day of judgment; the day of reckoning, the day of the final award of rewards and punishments, inescapable, certain, inevitable. The Christian is living in the light of the day. He need not fear the thief in the night, as the day of the Lord: because he is to be ever watchful against the coming of that day so as not to be taken unaware and unprepared.

III. THE IDEAL ATTITUDE FOR THE CHRISTIAN

The Christians are sons of the day and are not to be tricked or entrapped by devices of either the dupes of fanaticism or the designs of the devil. They are not to sleep and slumber in indifference to the reality of the coming of the day of judgment but are to hold themselves in readiness for the coming of the Lord in whatever hour that coming may occur.

IV. ACHIEVING FULL SALVATION AND RECEIVING SANCTIFICATION

Salvation is achieved through the reception of the gift of it. Salvation is maintained through the means within the reach of every Christian. Let the Christian first, rejoice. That means that God would have His people find joy in Him in every condition in which they may find themselves; second, prayer. "Pray without ceasing", which simply means let nothing interrupt your regular habits of prayer.

Now, among other things, prayer means petition, with the belief that the Lord will hear the petitioner and in His own way answer it, thirdly, thanksgiving. "In every condition, in sickness, in health, in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth, give thanks. Not, perhaps, for everything, but in everything, remember the goodness and mercy of God, count your blessing over, name them one by one, and give thanks unto the Fount of every blessing. Fourthly, let the Spirit have His way in your heart. Invite the Spirit to have His way in your heart. Practice that which you

Hattiesburg Students Lead Revival; 131 Decisions



Pictured above are Gene Lasley, president of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Southern College, the Hon. Ed. Currie, mayor of the city, and Rev. Riley Munday, B. S. U. Secretary, when Mayor Currie declared April 26-May 3 'Crusade For Christ' week in Hattiesburg.

The Baptist Student Union of Mississippi Southern has just completed its first city-wide revival. Rev. Buckner Fanning of Dallas, Texas, was the evangelist; Eddy Nicholson of Baylor University, song-leader; and Earl Miller, organist of the First Church of Dallas, organist. Mrs. Buckner Fanning, B. S. U. secretary at S. M. U. in Dallas, added to the effectiveness of the troop with her singing.

One hundred thirty-one decisions were registered during this crusade, one-hundred five of these being from Mississippi Southern. A budget of \$2015 was underwritten by the executive committee composed of C. M. Scovill, the treasurer of B. S. U., Hon. Earl Wingo, chairman of the executive committee for the crusade, and H. G. Lewis. This budget was raised by contributions of businessmen of Hattiesburg, student contributions, and those from local church members.

The morning services of the revival were held in the Temple Church, Rev. Irving M. Prince, pastor. The evening services were held in the Main Street Church, Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor, and the concluding rally at the First Church, Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor. The morning services filled the church to overflowing, primarily with young people and in spite of inclement weather the night services filled the Main Street Church auditorium. The B. S. U. of Mississippi Southern, Rev. Riley Munday, B. S. U. secretary commends this type revival for colleges or cities in Mississippi.

know to be good. "Hold fast to that which is good". Fifthly, avoid evil. "Abstain from every form of evil."

Now, receive sanctification. Sanctification is a divine bestowment. God gives sanctification to deserving men and women, that is, He sets deserving men and women apart to the employment of His service and the enjoyment of His presence.

Ralph Walker Ordained

Ralph V. Walker was recently ordained at the Fort Bayou Church, Jackson County, with 16 ordained ministers participating in the service.

Rev. Frank Coker delivered the sermon and the charge was given by Rev. H. D. Walker, Hurley Church pastor and father of the candidate. Rev. W. G. Cummings, pastor of Holstead Road Mission, presented the Bible and Rev. H. C. Walker, brother of the candidate, led the ordination prayer.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- May 18 — Western Rural Life Leadership Conference, Fort Worth, Texas; District No. 13 Music Festival at Louisville.
- May 19 — Louie Farmer, BSU Secretary, Clarke College; Rev. Joel D. Ray, Royal Ambassador Secretary.
- May 20 — Rev. Barney Walker, Jr., Warren Associational Training Union Director; Rev. Franklin Haire, Franklin Associational Sunday Schol Supt.
- May 21 — Rev. H. A. Milner, Hinds Associational Chairman of Evangelism; Mrs. Viola Jones, Dietitian, Baptist Orphanage.
- May 22 — Henry White, Desoto Associational Brotherhood President; State music Leaders Laboratory.
- May 23 — Rev. J. D. Thompson, Prentiss Associational Missionary; Rev. Harold C. Clower, Desoto Associational Organizer of Evangelism.
- May 24 — Commencement Exercises, Mississippi Woman's College; Mrs. Lester Davis, Lincoln Associational WMU SUPT.

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Developments In Orient Have God's Blessing, Says Cauthen

All Southern Baptist missionaries of the former China staff who are available for return to the mission field will be redeployed by the end of 1953., said Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, in his report at the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

The board reaffirmed its purpose of entering India and Pakistan when personnel is available and entry can be secured.

Dr. Cauthen called attention to the fact that with the appointment of Miss Mavis Shiver, of Alabama, the total number of missionaries for Japan reached an even 100.

At the close of World War II he said, "we had only eight missionaries of the Japan staff who had served in that country. Only three missionary residences were left after the war; and, of the fifteen churches in the Japan Baptist Convention, only five had buildings. To bring a staff of 10 missionaries to Japan under these conditions has required the constant guidance of God."

The Orient report said that medical and relief work which Southern Baptists are doing in Korea is leaving a deposit of love and appreciation toward both Southern Baptists and the people of America.

Twenty-six missionaries of the Board are assigned to work on Formosa, where centers of work have been located in seven major cities, extending throughout the length of the island. A Baptist seminary has been established in the capital city of Taipei and 33 students are in training this year for Christian service.

In the Philippines seminary work has been established in Baguio and clinic work is being established on the eastern coast of Mindanao in the city of Mati, where two of our missionary nurses, Miss Virginia Miles and Miss Victoria Parsons, will be located. It is hoped that a missionary doctor will soon be appointed for that ministry.

Southern Baptists have 15 missionaries in Thailand, located in the cities of Bangkok and Ayuthia.

With the appointment of Dr. Kathleen Jones at the April meeting of the Board, Southern Baptists now have 16 missionaries for Indonesia.

Dr. Jones will work with Miss Everley Hayes and Miss Ruth Ford, nurses of the former China staff, in opening medical work in Indonesia. In all of Indonesia, with more than 80,000,000 people, there are only 1,400 doctors and only 50 fully qualified nurses. Plans are under way for the organization of Bible school work at an early date.

Dr. Cauthen said: "The strategy for the Orient is now clear. We must appoint many missionaries for southeast Asia for lifetime service, looking forward to the time when some of the China missionaries will be able to return to that country."

"Developments in the Orient give clear indication to the fact

that God is in charge of his work. Out of the emergencies which we have faced in China has been born a great program of missionary advance to which we have set our land."



DR. CHESTER SWOR

Shown above is Dr. Chester Swor who will lead a revival at Magee May 17-24.

Thomas Moak of Bogue Chitto and a recent graduate of the New Orleans Seminary, will direct the music. He has recently assumed his duties at Magee as Minister of Music and Education.

BOOKLET OFFERS AID ON PASTORAL PROBLEMS

The average pastor is constantly colliding with the difficult problems of his church members and he is eager to find simple, brief and inexpensive pamphlets and books to hand them.

To meet this need a thorough handbook entitled "Pastoral Care Through The Use of Literature" was prepared by Carroll J. Wright Jr., a graduate student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Wayne E. Oates, in whose department Mr. Wright is doing graduate work, gave guidance in the planning and development of this booklet.

Dr. Oates recommends this booklet to students and pastors who ask "Where can I find some literature to hand someone on the problem of . . . choice of one's life work, premarital guidance, interfaith marriages, sex education, divorce, childbirth, child care, family altars, devotional reading, physical illness, the care of the family of the mentally ill, bereavement, explaining death to a child, alcoholism, etc.?"

This handbook contains over 500 descriptions of small books and pamphlets on 34 different pastoral care situations. Each description tells the contents, purpose, price, publisher, and date of the small book or pamphlet. A good feature about these small books and pamphlets is that 85 per cent of them cost less than \$1.50 and consequently most of them can be used as an inexpensive "pastoral aid" gift. This handbook can be ordered through your Baptist Book Store for \$1.00.

Seeing Seminaries In South America

BY ROLAND Q. LEAVELL
President, New Orleans Seminary

Second of a series
Radiant Rio! The view from Sugar Loaf Mountain beggars description. The ride in a swinging cable car across two vast valleys from mountain top to mountain top is the experience of a lifetime—if one's heart survives to tell about it.

Looking down from Sugar Loaf's summit, the Rio de Janeiro harbor probably is the most beautiful in the world. The aquamarine waters, the islands etched with white sands, the majestic mountains, the colorful city, the imposing monuments, the enormous monument of Christ the Redeemer on Mt. Corcovado, and the blue sky overhead all combine to lift one's soul toward God.

Nearly a million red rooftops! What do they cover? They cover about 2,500,000 Brazilians, the largest city in a nation of 50,000,000.

To a Southern Baptist's eyes the rooftops of Rio cover the work of Baptist missions come to maturity. Our work in Rio is only sixty years old. Rio city alone has 75 Baptist Churches, 183 preaching points, 85 Brazilian pastors. They have a great Sunday School Board, a W. M. U. headquarters directing in 713 societies and 255 YWA's, a tremendous publishing house, a magnificent 43 year old Seminary now occupying a new building, a large college, a vast Home Mission Board enterprise, and a foreign mission program sending missionaries into Columbia and to the mother country Portugal.

To visit these noble missionaries, old friends and new, indeed is an inspiration. Mrs. Leavell and I were entertained graciously by our friend of the years, Miss Minnie Landrum of Mississippi, and her companion Miss Ray Buster.

The W. M. U. Training School with 51 lovely young women in training is ably directed by the attractive Miss Dorine Hawkins. The building, a Lottie Moon trophy, is pleasing and functional. The Seminary is wisely administered by the scholarly Dr. A. B. Crabtree. To speak on evangelism daily to the 72 young preachers in training deeply stirred this older preacher's heart. Watching the completion of the new building containing administration offices, classrooms and library, made us strangely homesick for the new campus of the New Orleans Seminary. May God bless these future Brazilian Baptist leaders and that great Seminary.

Observation of the work of New Orleans Seminary graduates greatly pleased me. Rev. Himain Lacerda, a native Brazilian is the pastor of a great church near fashionable Copacabana Beach, the author of several books and a notable winner of souls. Walter B. McNealy in nearby Volta Redunda, the "Pittsburg of Brazil", is like a steam engine in trousers. He has led in construction of some 33 church buildings, is pastor of some churches, conducts a school with about 500 enrolled, and is using continually the soul-winning

Something Every "Dry" Can Do

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — "People who deplore the sale of alcoholic beverages in public service stores, (groceries, restaurants and drug stores), need no longer stand idly by, feeling that there is 'nothing we can do' " says The National Voice. "There are millions who today make it a point not to buy in public services that sell intoxicants. That is good.

Buying Dry is also letting your practice be known to those who do sell intoxicating beverages in public service stores. When one has to buy in a store that sells intoxicants one should leave on the check stand, counter, or with the clerk, a card stating "I Buy Dry, whenever possible. Sorry to see that you sell intoxicating beverages!"

The millions of Church members in the United States are sufficient to make a campaign of this kind very effective in reducing the sale of intoxicants in public service stores. But you do not have to wait for all these folks to begin it. You can begin the campaign in your town or city.

The National Voice, Box 23, Los Angeles, California provides such a card as mentioned. It is the size of a calling card, and may be obtained for the small sum of a dollar for 200. Don't wait for every one else to start. You start it yourself, or be the one to get your church or group started".

... Oak Ridge atomic center is not only a "city of science," but a city of churches. It has 27 churches, or one for every 1,000 residents. Men famous in the world of nuclear physics are regularly engaged in preaching, teaching Sunday School classes, and filling other places of leadership in the twenty-seven churches. Only established churches are permitted to own land in the atomic center.

Nairobi, Kenya (RNS)—An Anglican native missionary teacher was murdered and an Anglican native priest and four other persons were beaten with swords and clubs in a savage attack by Mau Mau terrorists in the heart of the Kikuyu reserve. According to reports reaching here, 20 Mau Maus armed with spears and swords burst into the home of Andrew Gathua, lay reader of the Church Mission Society in a tiny Kikuyu village, bound him hand and foot and dragged him out under the banana trees. There, while his helpless wife was forced to look on, they slashed him to death after telling him he was being killed "because you told the police about the Mau Mau."

tactics he learned in New Orleans.

My experience preaching Sunday night in the First Baptist Church, Rio, was memorable. That church building would do credit to almost any city church in the South. The brilliant and consecrated John Soren has followed his noble father in the pastorate there. The four professions of faith that night made me thank God afresh for our mighty and mature missions in South Brazil.



What will Thou have Me to do?

COULD BE A BIG YEAR

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Nineteen-fifty-three can be a big year for Southern Baptist churches, and for the cause of Christ around the world. All over the convention territory special emphasis is being placed upon Christian stewardship. And just now nothing is more important. Our memberships are increasing heavily, but it is doubtful that there is a corresponding growth in the practice of Christian stewardship.

The week of October 18-25 has been designated as Stewardship Week. It is hoped that every one of our twenty-eight thousand churches will take this thing seriously, and exert its best efforts for the enrichment of the spiritual outlook of its members. The best programs should be arranged, and the best available leaders secured. This may cost a little money, but no church could make a better investment.

Nothing is more vital to the ongoing of God's kingdom than a full practice of Christian stewardship, especially by the men of our churches. It is difficult to see the point in adding thousands of new names to our church rolls when so little is being done to develop a spirit of stewardship in the lives of these new members.

It would be just too bad for our churches to fall victims of that deadly disease—statistical indigestion. Credits, good in their place, must never be substituted for Christ; nor seals for salvation. Spiritual growth is not a matter for mathematical determination. It cannot be chalked upon a blackboard. It can be measured only by the extent to which the Holy Spirit dominates and directs in every area of one's life.

Jesus had a lot of sense—plain common sense. He said that a man's sincerity is to be judged by the fruit of his life. That can mean only one thing: A man is a true Christian in proportion as he practices true Christian Stewardship in his daily living. This year has been set apart to get this great fundamental truth across to every member of every Baptist church.

October 18-25, can be, must be, the biggest week for Christ in the history of Southern Baptists.

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